

The ENUBET experiment Status (Oct 2022)

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Enhanced Neutrino BEams from kaon Tagging

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overall budget: 2 MEUR



Expression of Interest

Enabling precise measurements of flux in
accelerator neutrino beams: the ENUBET project

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P.I.: **A. Longhin**
Host Institution: **INFN**

Expression of Interest (CERN-SPSC, Oct. 2016)
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April 2019: **CERN Neutrino Platform Experiment – NP06/ENUBET**
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60 physicists & 13 institutions



Flux uncertainty and ν_e, ν_μ cross sections



Last 10 years: knowledge of $\sigma(\nu_\mu)$ improved enormously
MiniBooNE, SCIBooNE, T2K, MINERvA, NOvA ...

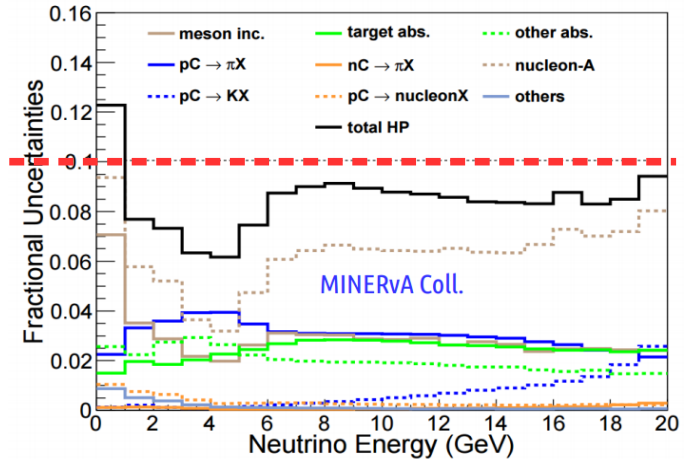
Nevertheless, the flux systematics “wall” is still there being typically the **dominant uncertainty** for cross section measurements

No absolute measurements below ~7-10%

In addition, for $\sigma(\nu_e)$ we use the beam contamination (no intense/pure sources of GeV ν_e): data still sparse Gargamelle, T2K, NOvA, MINERvA

Poor knowledge of $\sigma(\nu_e)$ can spoil :

- the **CPV discovery potential**
- the insight on the underlying physics (standard vs exotic)



→ **Monitored beams**

Monitored neutrino beams

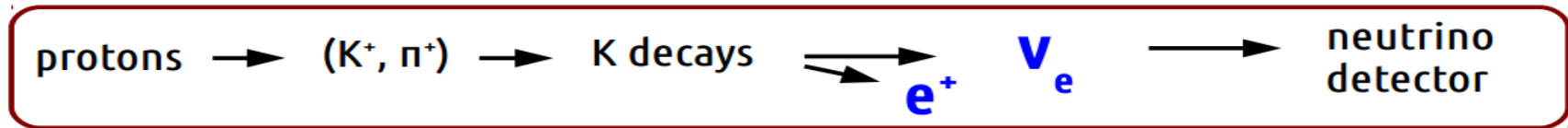


The "holy grail" of neutrino physicists:

B. Pontecorvo,
Lett. Nuovo Cimento, 25
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The possibility of using tagged-neutrino beams in high-energy experiments must have occurred to many people. In tagged-neutrino experiments it should be required that the observed event due to the interaction of the neutrino in the neutrino detector would properly coincide in time with the act of neutrino creation ($\pi \rightarrow \mu\nu$, $K \rightarrow \mu\nu$,

Based on **conventional technologies**, aiming for a **1% precision** on the ν_e flux



Monitor (\sim inclusively) the decays in which ν are produced

\rightarrow "by-pass" of the hadro-production, beam-line efficiency uncertainties, ...

Traditional

- Passive decay region
- ν_e flux relies on **ab-initio simulations** of the full chain
- large uncertainties



Monitored

- Fully instrumented
- $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \pi^0 \rightarrow$ large angle e^+
- ν_e flux prediction = e^+ counting

$\mu^+ \nu_\mu$	(63.55 \pm 0.11) %
$\pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$	(5.07 \pm 0.04) %
$\pi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	(3.353 \pm 0.034) %
$\pi^+ \pi^0$	(20.66 \pm 0.08) %
$\pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$	(1.761 \pm 0.022) %
$\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	(5.59 \pm 0.04) %

Note: A red line points from the K_{e3} label to the $\pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$ row, which is also circled in red.

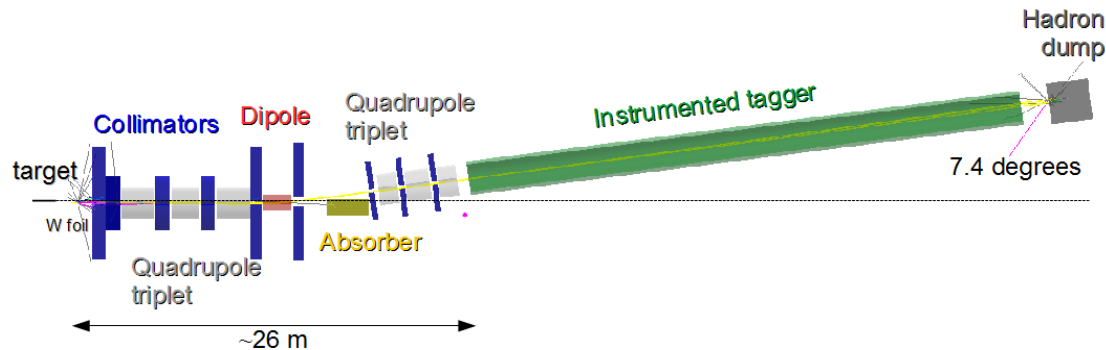
A **neutrino beam** for precision physics



The next generation of short baseline experiments for cross-section measurements and for precision ν -physics (e.g. CP violation program, sterile neutrinos, NSI at production/detection/propagation) should rely on:

- a direct measurement of the fluxes
- a narrow band beam: energy known a priori from beam width
- a beam covering the region of interest from sub- to multi-GeV

The **ENUBET** facility fulfills simultaneously all these requirements

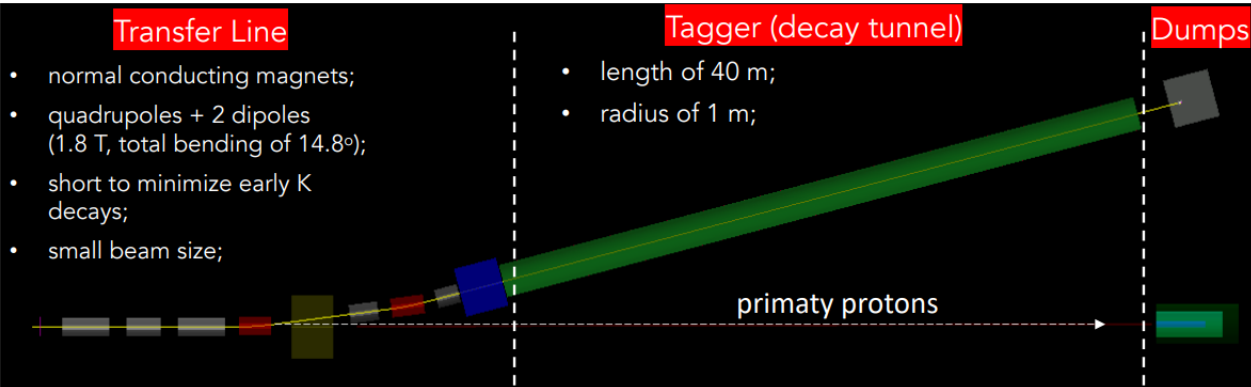


~ 500 t neutrino detector @ 100 m from the target

e.g.:

- ICARUS (FNAL)
- ProtoDUNE (CERN)
- Water Cherenkov (JPARC)

The ENUBET beamline: final design



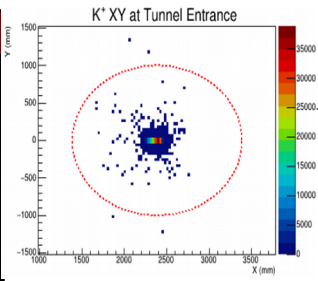
Transfer Line

- normal conducting magnets;
- quadrupoles + 2 dipoles (1.8 T, total bending of 14.8°);
- short to minimize early K decays;
- small beam size;

Tagger (decay tunnel)

- length of 40 m;
- radius of 1 m;

Dumps



Beam spot...

... and rates @ Tunnel entrance for 400 GeV POT

π^+ [10^{-3}]/POT	K^+ [10^{-3}]/POT
4.13	0.34



~1.5 X w.r.t. previous results!

Large bending angle of 14.8°

- better collimated beam + reduced muons background + reduced ν_e from early decays

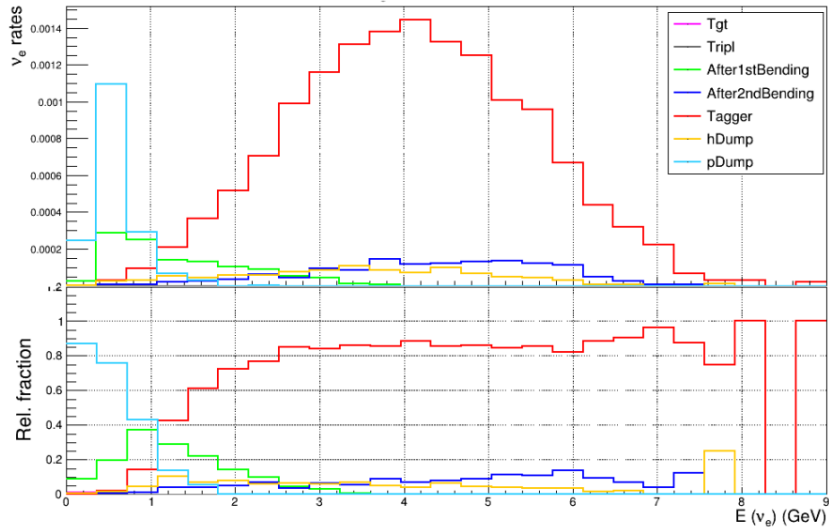
Transfer Line

- optics optimization w/ **TRANSPORT** (5% momentum bite centered @ 8.5 GeV) **G4Beamline** for particle transport and interactions
- **FLUKA** for irradiation studies, **absorbers and rock** volumes included in simulation (not shown above)
- optimized **graphite target** 70 cm long & 3 cm radius (dedicated studies, scan geometry and different materials)
- tungsten foil downstream target to suppress positron background
- tungsten alloy absorber @ tagger entrance to suppress backgrounds

Dumps

- Proton dump: three cylindrical layers (graphite core → aluminum layer → iron layer)
- Hadron dump: same structure of the proton dump → allows to reduce backscattering flux in tunnel

ν_e CC energy distribution @ detector



A total ν_e^{CC} statistics of 10^4 events in ~ 3 years

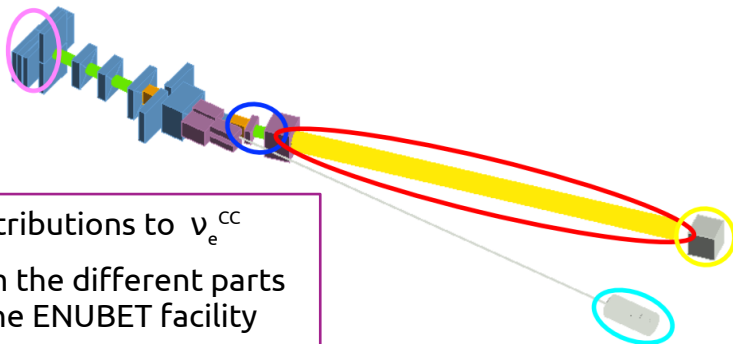
- @ SPS with $4.5E19$ POT/year
- 500 tons detector @ 50 m from tunnel end

Taggable component (> 1 GeV)

About **80%** of total ν_e is produced by decays in the tunnel

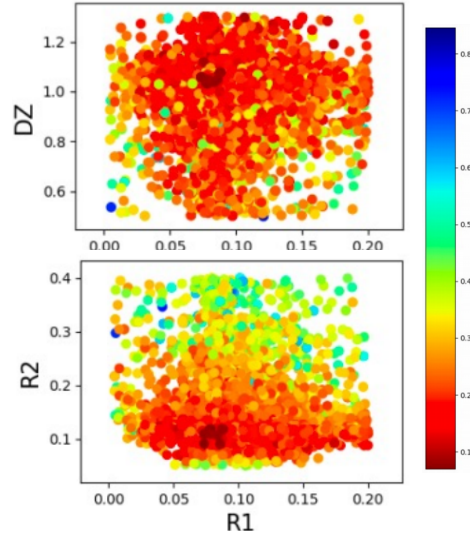
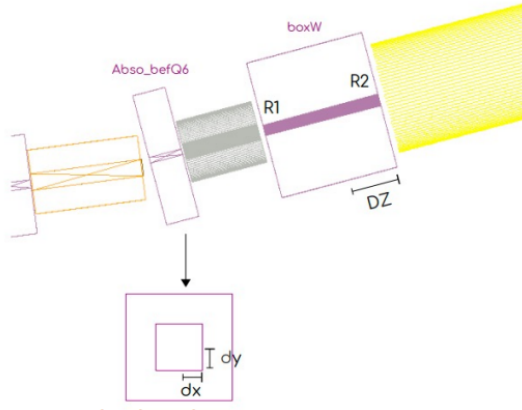
Non taggable components

- **Below 1 GeV:** main component produced in p-dump
 - clear separation from taggable ones (energy cut)
 - further improvements in separation optimizing p-dump position
- **Above 1 GeV:** contributions from straight section before tagger and hadron-dump
 - rely on simulation for this component



Contributions to ν_e^{CC}
from the different parts
of the ENUBET facility

Beamline optimization studies



FOM dependence on optimization parameters

FOM = signal/background

Signal: π/K @ tagger entrance

Background: e^+ and π hitting the tunnel walls

Optimization campaign is progress:

- **Goal:** further improvement of the π/K flux at tunnel entrance while keeping background level low;
- **Strategy:** scan parameters space of beamline to maximize FOM;
- **Tools:** full facility implemented in Geant4 → controll with external cards all parameters → systematic optimization with developed framework based on genetic algorithm;

Rates @ tunnel entrance for 400 GeV POT	$\pi^+ [10^{-3}]/\text{POT}$	$K^+ [10^{-3}]/\text{POT}$
Design	4.13	0.34
Optimized	5.27	0.44

Background hitting tunnel walls	$e^+ [10^{-3}]/K^+$	$\pi^+ [10^{-3}]/K^+$
Design	7	59
Optimized	2	35

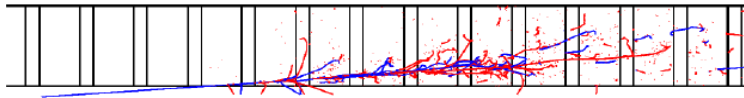
- About 28% gain in flux → 2.4 years to collect $10^4 \nu_e^{CC}$!
- Reduced backgrounds, but similar to signal shapes → next step: improve FOM definition (include sgn/bkg distributions)

The ENUBET tagger

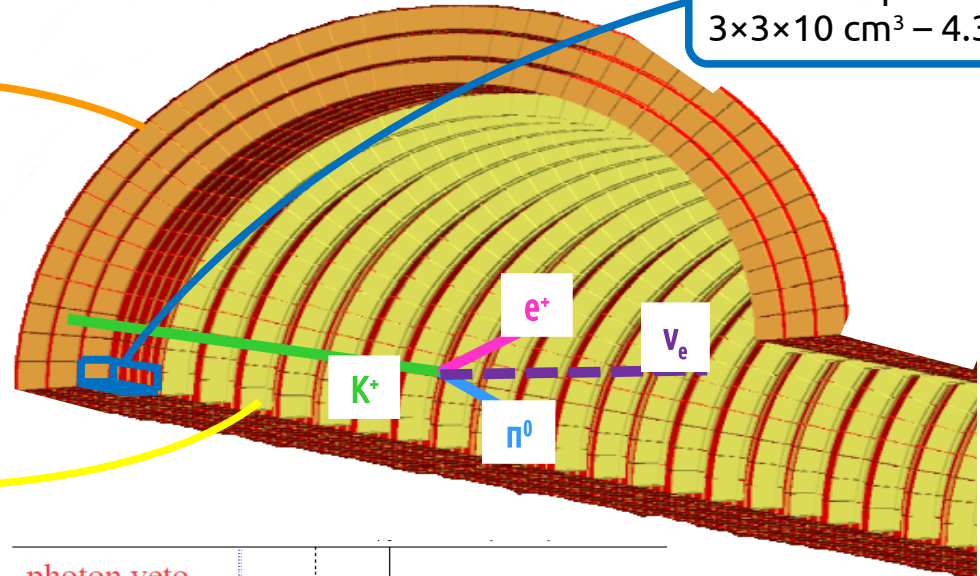


Calorimeter

Longitudinal segmentation
Plastic scintillator + Iron absorbers
Integrated light readout with SiPM
→ $e^+/\pi^+/\mu$ separation

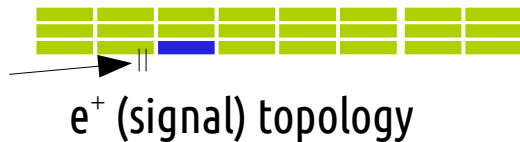
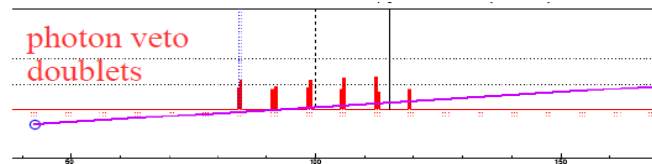
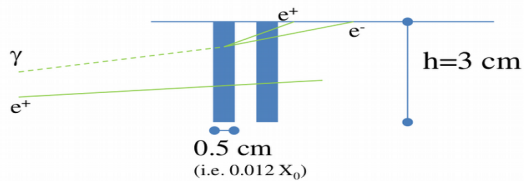


Ultra Compact Module
 $3 \times 3 \times 10 \text{ cm}^3 - 4.3 X_0$



Integrated photon veto

Plastic scintillators, rings of $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$ pads
→ π^0 rejection



e^+ (signal) topology



π^0 (background) topology



π^+ (background) topology

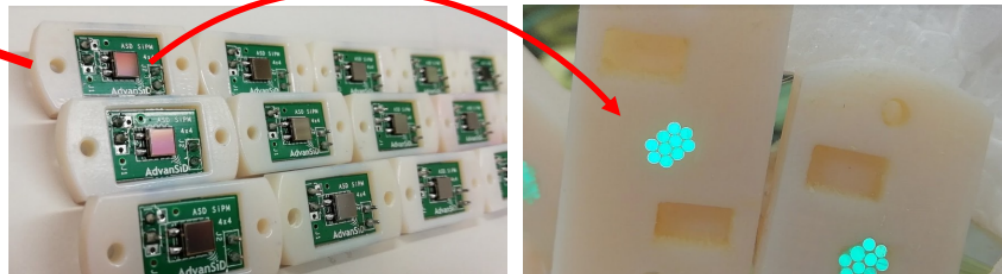
The ENUBET tagger prototype(s)



Prototype of sampling calorimeter built out of LCM with lateral WLS-fibers for light collection



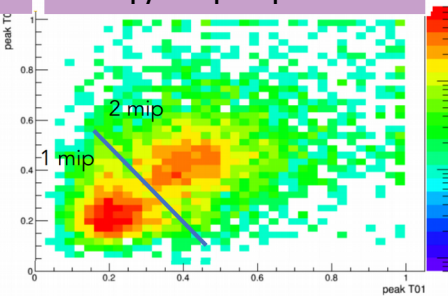
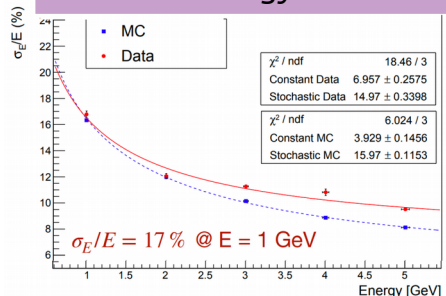
Large SiPM area (4x4 mm²) for 10 WLS readout (1 LCM)



SiPMs installed outside of calorimeter, above shielding: avoid hadronic shower and reduce (factor 18) aging

Electron energy resolution

1 mip/2mip separation



Status of calorimeter:

- ✓ longitudinally segmented calorimeter prototype successfully **tested**
- ✓ photon veto successfully **tested**
- custom digitizers: **in progress**

Choice of technology: finalized and cost-effective!
 → F. Acerbi et al, JINST (2020), 15(8), P08001

Lepton reconstruction



Full **GEANT4 simulation** of the detector:

- **validated** by prototype tests at CERN in 2016-2018;
- hit-level **detector response**;
- pile-up effects included (**waveform** treatment in progress);
- **event building** and **PID** algorithms (2016-2020)

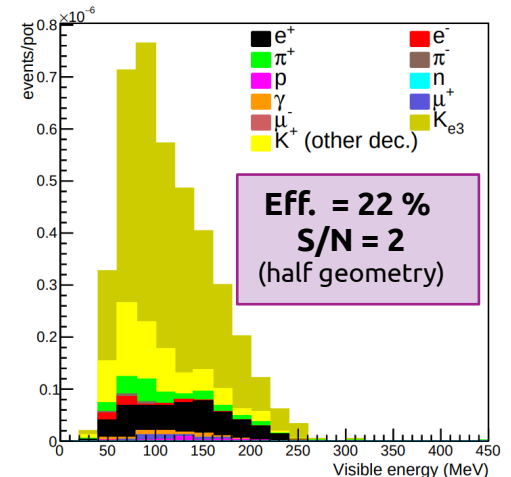
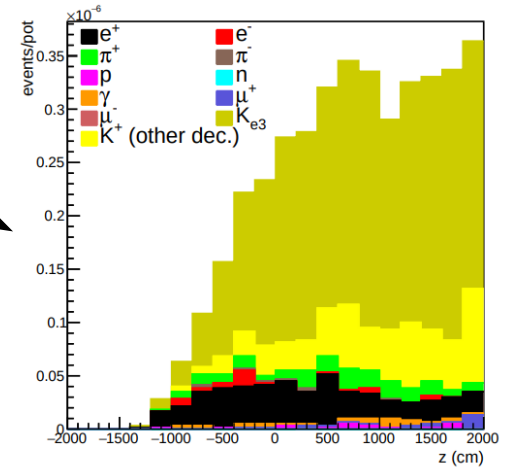
→ Large angle e^+ and μ from kaon decays reconstructed searching for **patterns in energy depositions in tagger**

→ Signal identification done using a **Neural Network** trained on a set of discriminating variables

K_{e3} (BR ~5%) and K make ~5 – 10% of the beam composition

→ *F. Pupilli et al., PoS NEUTEL2017 (2018), 078*

Reconstructed events

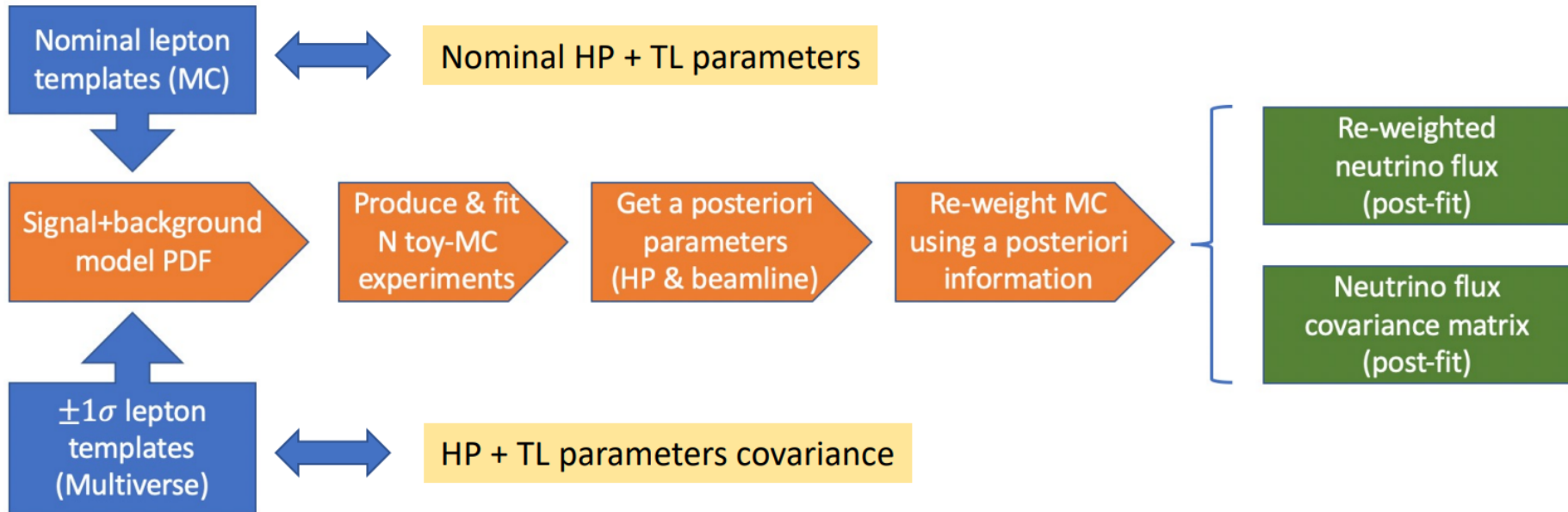


ν -flux: assessment of systematics



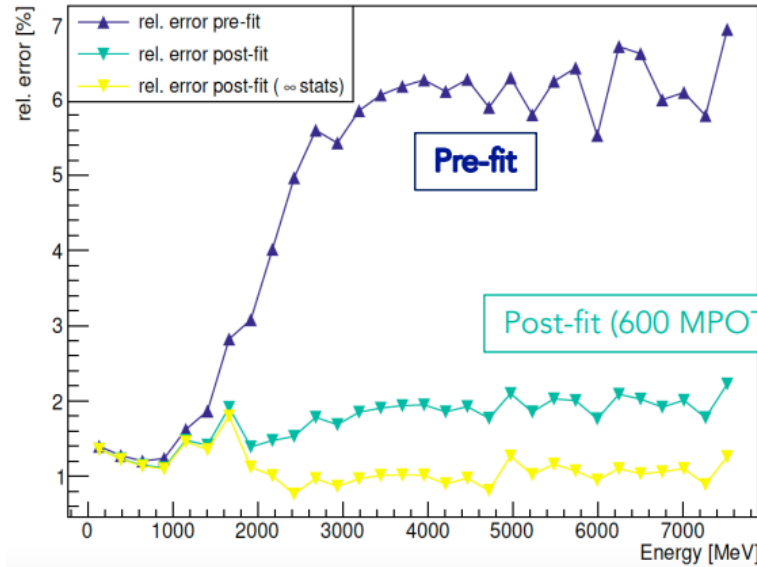
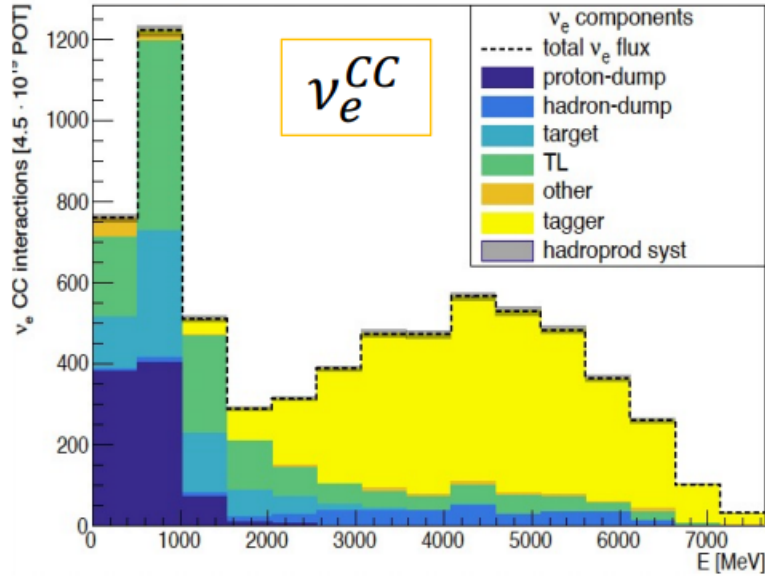
Monitored ν -flux from narrow-band beam: measure rate of leptons \Leftrightarrow monitor ν -flux

- build a Signal + Background model to fit lepton observables;
- include hadro-production (HP) & transfer line (TL) systematics as nuisances;



hadro-production data from NA56/SPY experiment to Reweight MC lepton templates, get their nominal distribution, compute lepton templates variations using multi-universe method

ν -flux: impact on hadro-production systematics



Total rates in 1 year:

- SPS with $4.5E19$ POTs/year
- 500 ton detector @50m from tunnel end

Before constraint
6% systematics due to hadro-production uncertainties

After constraint
1% from fit to lepto rates measured by tagger

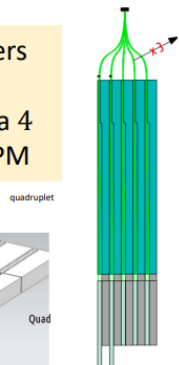
Achieved ENUBET goal
of 1% systematics from monitoring lepton rates

The demonstrator

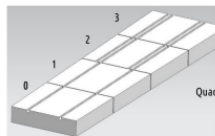


New frontal readout scheme & fibers bundling

10 WLS fibers
(1 LCM)
bundled to a 4
 $\times 4$ mm² SiPM

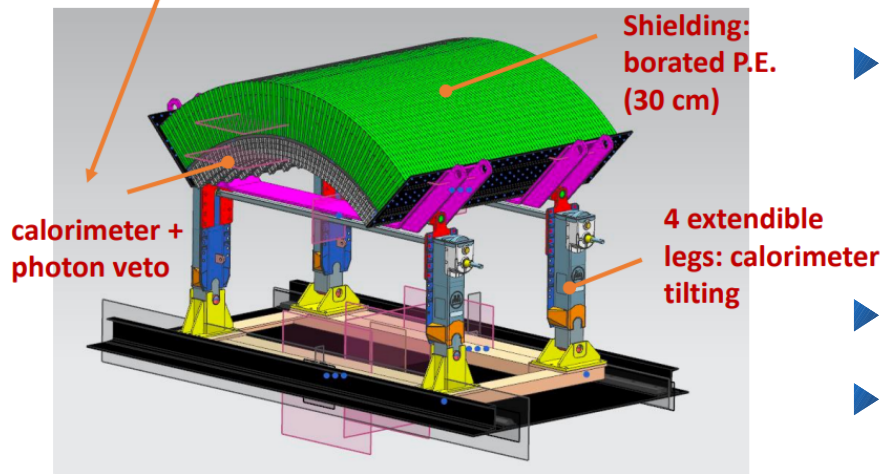
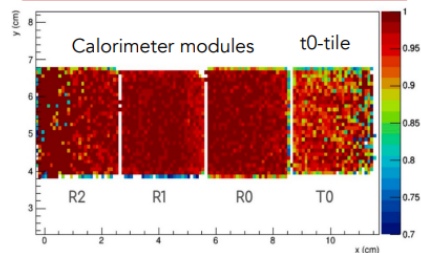


quadruplet



Quad

Efficiency map from
ENUBINO test



- ▶ **Detector prototype under construction**, to demonstrate:
 - Performance / scalability / cost-effectiveness
 - **Test-beam @CERN in October 2022**
 - 1.65 m longitudinal & 90° in azimuth
 - 75 layers of: iron (1.5 mm thick) + scintillator (7 mm thick) => 12X3 LCMs
- ▶ **central 45° part instrumented**: rest is kept for mechanical considerations
- ▶ **modular design**: can be extended to a full 2π object by joining 4 similar detectors (minimal dead regions)
- ▶ **new light readout scheme** with frontal grooves instead of lateral grooves:
 - driven by large scale scintillator manufacturing: safer production and more uniform light collection
 - performed GEANT4 optical simulation validation
- ▶ **scintillators**: produced by SCIONIX and milled by local Company
- ▶ **ENUBINO**: pre-demonstrator w/ 3 LCM tested @ CERN in November 2021 to study uniformity and efficiency

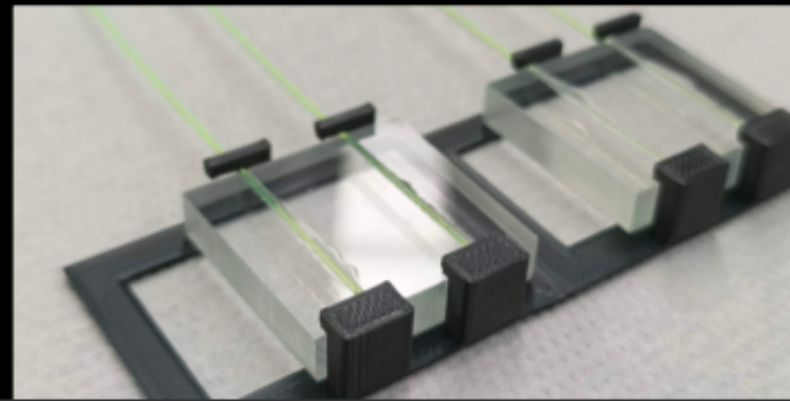
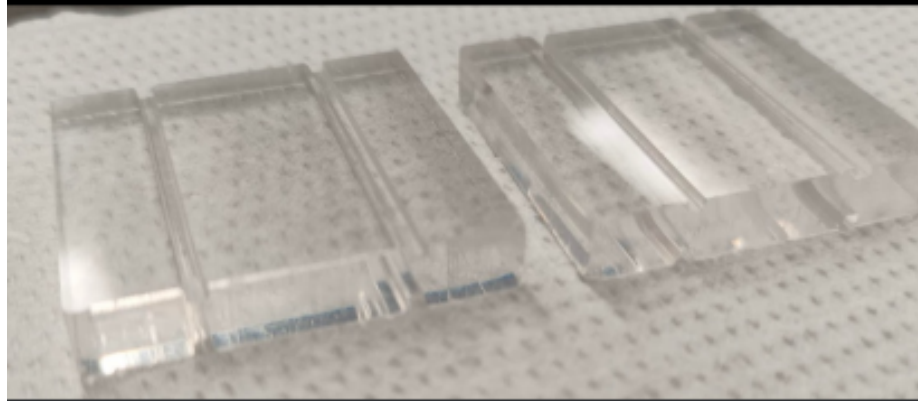
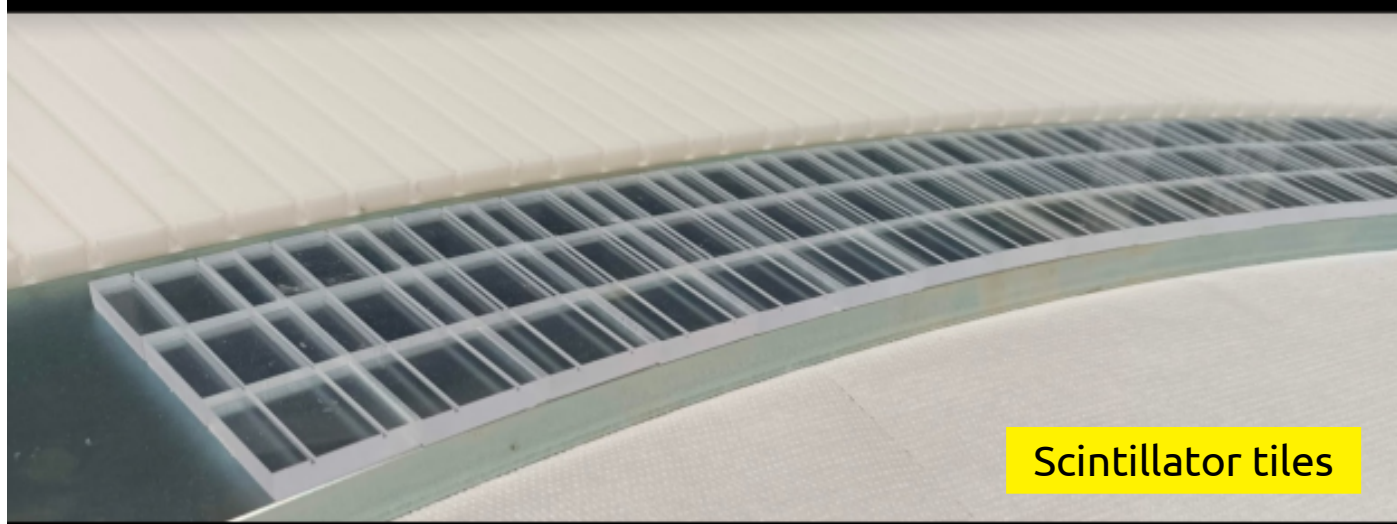
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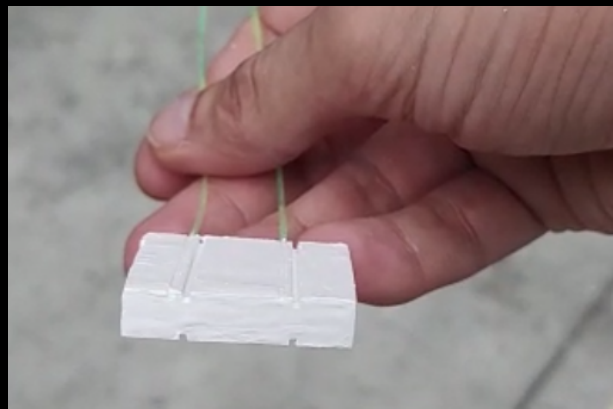
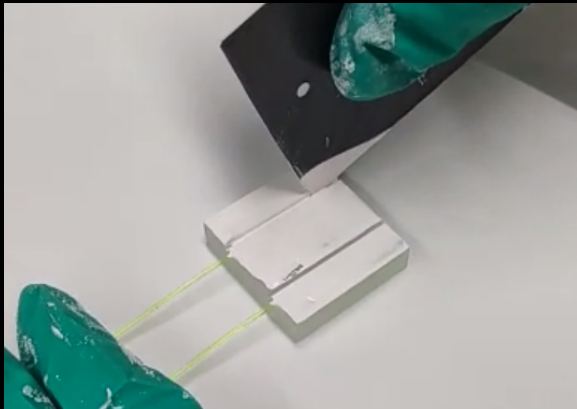
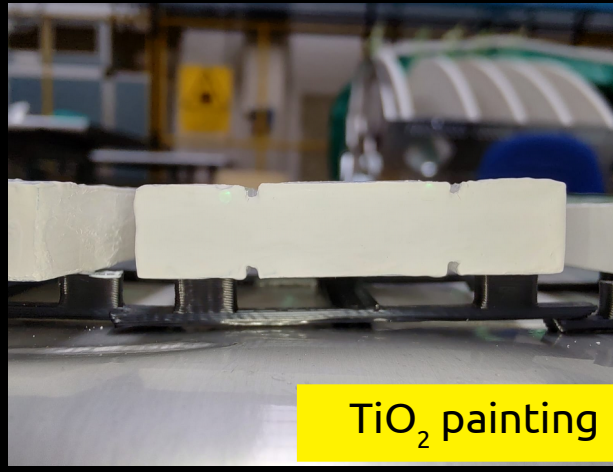
15 mins lift test
1.5 x total weight



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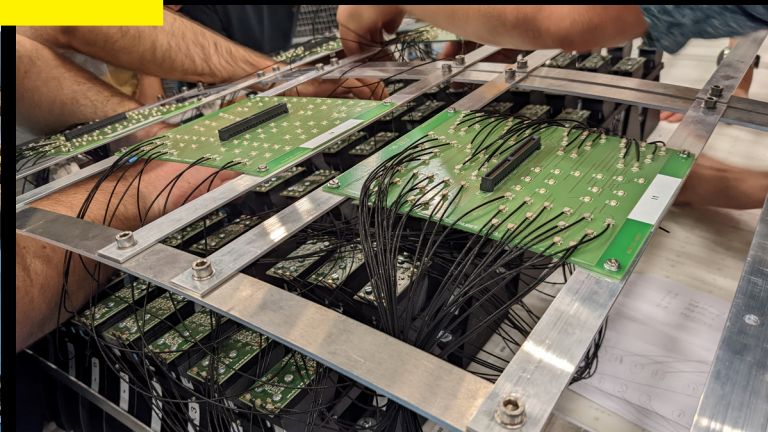
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The demonstrator (@ CERN)



East Hall



Conclusions and outlooks



- ▶ **ENUBET goal:** first monitored neutrino beam for neutrino cross-section measurements @ O(1%):
 - ERC project started in 2016
 - CERN experiment (NP06) within Neutrino-Platform in 2019
 - part of Physics Beyond Collider framework
- ▶ **Final design of beam transfer line in place, fine-tuning parameters:**
 - static transfer line: 10^4 events in ~3 years (@ SPS)
 - ongoing optimization of transfer line parameters w/ dedicated framework
 - multi-momentum beamline ongoing R&D: DUNE & HyperK optimized
- ▶ **Design of decay tunnel instrumentation finalized:**
 - prototypes test-beams @ CERN: technology validation;
 - building final demonstrator **to be tested @ PS East Hall in 2022**
- ▶ **Detector simulation and PID studies done:**
 - developed full GEANT4 simulation of calorimeter
 - finalizing waveform to fully assess the pile-up effects
 - very good PID performance achieved (both positron and muon reconstruction)
- ▶ **Systematics: hadroproduction and next steps:**
 - **achieved 1% systematic goal** due to hadroproduction with lepton monitoring
 - assess systematics due to detector effects and beamline parameters

ERC project is on schedule and in the last stage

CERN site-dependent implementation within NP06/ENUBET in PBS Framework + ν_{μ} monitoring!*

2023-2024 delivery of Conceptual Design Report with physics and costs definition

Experimental proposal expected in 2024

* not included in the talk

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Richiesta per **ENUBET_2 dotazioni PAVIA:**

Valerio Mascagna (RUTDB, Università di Brescia), 10%

Attività 2023:

- coordinamento Working Package 3 (electronics and readout)
- Technical Coordinator @ CERN
- test beam dimostratore finale (2 settimane, ottobre)

Richieste finanziarie:

1 k€

- ← - 2 k€ (trasferte: testbeam dimostratore con elettronica custom sviluppata da INFN-MIB / PD / PV)